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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON CSSR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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1. "RUDE PRAVO" CARRIES SHORT ARTICLE JULY 17 CONCERNING SCHEDULED START-UP OF PILOT PLANT TO PRODUCE ANILINE IN MORAVIAN CHEMICAL WORKS IN OSTRAVA ON FIRST DAY OF NEXT FIVE-YEAR PLAN OR JANUARY 1, 1976. PLANT TO PRODUCE 8,000 TONS OF ANILINE PER YEAR WHICH WILL, ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, FULLY SATISFY DOMESTIC DEMAND. BID STATUS OF PROJECT UNKNOWN; HOWEVER, WE PRESUME CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION ALREADY LET.

2. ON BASIS RESULTS PILOT PROJECT, ARTICLE STATES THAT ANOTHER LARGE PLANT WITH ANNUAL CAPACITY OF 35,000 TONS OF ANILINE MAY ALSO BE BUILT IN OSTRAVA IN COURSE OF SIXTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN (1976-1980). ARTICLE DOES NOT CLARIFY WHETHER MORAVIAN

CHEMICAL WORKS WILL OPERATE SECOND PLANT IF BUILT, BUT FROM

CONTEXT WE ASSUME THAT WILL BE THE CASE.

3. EMBASSY WIL RAISE THESE PROJECTS AT NEXT MEETING WITH TECHNOEXPORT OFFICIALS (SEE REFTEL) FOR FURTHER DETAILS. IN MEANTIME, COMMERCE SHOULD BE AWARE OF PROJECTS
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FOR POSSIBLE "EARLY-WARNING" TO U.S. SUPPLIERS OF CHEMICAL

PLANTS AND EQUIPMENT. INTERESTED PARTIES MAY ALSO WRITE TO MR. JAROSLAV OTMAR OF TECHNOEXPORT (FULL ADDRESS CONTAINED REFTEL), OR DIRECTLY TO TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, MORAVSKE CHEMICKE ZAVODY, N.P. (MORAVIAN CHEMICAL WORKS), CHEMICKA UL., MARIANSKE HORY, OSTRAVA 2, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, CONCERNING PLANS FOR THESE PROJECTS.
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